Preventing & Ending Homelessness

Registry Week February 23, 2013 – March 1, 2013













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100,000 Homes Fairfax Registry Week

About the 100,000 Homes Campaign...

The 100,000 Homes Campaign is a national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for 100,000 of the country's most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals and families by July of 2014.

1. Why join the Campaign...

- Homelessness is an urgent problem in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.
- In 2008 Fairfax-Falls Church nonprofits, faith communities, businesses, individuals and local governments came together to adopt a 10 year plan and partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness.
- Already this community partnership has generated results, decreasing the homelessness
 rate by rapidly moving families and individuals into housing with services. However, those
 experiencing chronic homelessness have been harder to help.
- That's why the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership on Ending Homelessness is joining the 100,000 Homes Campaign. The campaign provides concrete, innovative tools and infrastructure that will help us put a real face on homelessness.
- We can solve homelessness...with your help. We have nearly 1,700 homeless in Fairfax County...of these about 300 are chronically homeless. Through 100,000 Homes Fairfax, we anticipate housing 150 of the most vulnerable chronically homeless.

2. The Campaign Kick-off...

- 100,000 Homes Fairfax kicks off on February 23, 2013 with Registry Week, when volunteers create a name and photographic registry of everyone experiencing homelessness in our area. The personalized stories about these individuals will help us make important decisions about how to prioritize and allocate housing and support resources.
- This registry will be a first of its kind for Fairfax County, putting a real face on homelessness.

3. Get your Faith Community, Business, or Organization Involved...

An immediate connection to permanent supportive housing can ensure that over 90% of homeless individuals remain housed. Your support during Registry Week could include sponsoring the training dinner or volunteering to do the registry outreach.

Once the most vulnerable are identified, partnering agencies are offering additional opportunities to help which will include mentoring or providing companionship, financial sponsorship of furniture, first-month's rent, security deposits or helping with rental subsidy for those transitioning from homelessness to permanent homes.

To request more information or a presentation for your congregation, neighborhood or workplace, please contact the Headquarter Captain in your region. Additional information will be provided.



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Volunteer Opportunities for 100,000 Homes Fairfax

There are multiple opportunities and several ways to be part of Fairfax County's Registry Week. The project will take place over a seven-day period from Saturday, February 23, 2013, through Friday, March 1, 2013.

During that week, we anticipate needing upwards of 150 volunteers county-wide, most of which will be needed to conduct the surveys with homeless individuals on the streets. However, there are other vital roles to support the efforts of the survey volunteers and to conduct the data entry.

Important: Food and drink will be provided to you at the volunteer training and during every volunteer shift!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1. SURVEY VOLUNTEERS: We need approximately 75 to 85 volunteers to work in teams of four to interview homeless individuals for the Registry. This is a four-day commitment and, due to the manner in which the outreach is conducted, the same team of four must survey the assigned geographical area all three days. Each team will work together in a designated predetermined geographical area the entire three days of the registry/survey gathering. To be part of a survey team, you will need to participate in a half-day training session related to interviewing homeless people and completing the survey forms.
 - Saturday, February 23 Overview and Volunteer Training, 12 4 p.m.
 - Monday, February 25 Meet with Team/Survey, 4-7 a.m.
 - Tuesday, February 26 Meet with Team/Survey, 4-7 a.m.
 - Wednesday, February 27 Meet with Team/Survey, 4-7 a.m.
- 2. HEADQUARTERS VOLUNTEERS: We need 8-10 volunteers in each human service region (South County Region 1/Alexandria; Region 2/Annandale, Falls Church; North County Region 3/Reston; Central County Region 4/Fairfax/Centreville) during the week to staff Volunteer Headquarters. Headquarters volunteers will help set up for the initial volunteer training on Saturday, February 23rd and/or assist at volunteer headquarters each survey morning (food/supplies setup, cleanup and help with survey volunteer questions). We also need help breaking down the headquarters location daily following the morning surveying.
 - Saturday, February 23 training event setup, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
 - Saturday, February 23- training event break-down, 5 p.m. 6 p.m.
 - Monday, February 25 3:00-5:30 a.m. food/supplies setup; volunteer assistance
 - Monday, February 25 5:30-8:00 a.m. cleanup, help download photos/collect surveys
 - Tuesday, February 26 3:00-5:30 a.m. food/supplies setup; volunteer assistance
 - Tuesday, February 26 5:30-8:00 a.m. cleanup, help download photos/collect surveys
 - Wednesday, February 27 3:00-5:30 a.m. food/supplies setup; volunteer assistance
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For volunteers and sponsors who would like to partner in housing our most vulnerable neighbors and receive updates on the final results of Fairfax County's Registry Week:

Friday, March 1 – Community Debriefing on Survey Results for the Registry Week, TBD